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REMARKS

The last Office Action of December 2, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. No amendment has been made.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,417,453 to Lapp et al..

Record is also made of a telephonic interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on January 31, 2006. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview the present application was extensively discussed. More specifically, applicant's representative contended that unlike the present invention which relates to a cover that is hood-shaped and is constructed with a helical cable guide beginning at opening AG and extending therefore via slot SL, passageway 7 and outlet KA, the Lapp reference merely discloses a hood-shaped cover that snaps onto a seal body but is absent of claim limitations set forth in claims 1 and 10.

The Examiner agreed that the subject matter of the present invention, as set forth in claims 1 and 10, appears to be distinguishable over the prior art of record, especially in view of the absence of a helical cable guide, but the

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Examiner also noted that a final determination is dependent on the outcome of an updated search.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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